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your stock, no demand.—Mr. Martyn reports as follows: The market for horses is very quiet, but well attended. The market was overstocked with a very bad lot of horses. Good stock has sold mostly at fair prices, but with a few exceptions. The prices for good stock are not as high as the horses have been offered, although they are still much more than they were a few weeks ago. The market for harness horses has been very quiet, and the prices for good stock are not as high as the horses have been offered, although they are still much more than they were a few weeks ago. The market for harness horses has been very quiet, and the prices for good stock are not as high as the horses have been offered, although they are still much more than they were a few weeks ago. The market for harness horses has been very quiet, and the prices for good stock are not as high as the horses have been offered, although they are still much more than they were a few weeks ago.

MERCANTILE AND MONEY MARKET.
Friday Evening.

THE intelligence received from our western southern gold fields by this morning's advices continues to be of the most satisfactory character. The Western Escort brought from Bathurst, 209 oz. 12 dwts. of gold dust; from Sofala, 476 oz. 7 dwts. 20 grs.; from Taba baroora, 423 oz. 2 dwts.; from the Mersey 281 oz. 15 dwts.; from Mudgee, 171 oz. 8 dwts. 12 grs. Total, 1562 oz. 5 dwts. 8 grs. T. Southern Escort brought from Goulburn, 48

13 dwts.; from Braidwood, 355 oz. 10 dwts. 10 grs.; from Major's Creek, 166 oz. 11 dwts. 10 grs.; from Bell's Paddock, 79 oz. 15 dwts. To 650 oz. 9 dwts. 10 grs. The amount brought down by the two escorts was 2212 oz. 14 dwts. 18 grs.

The chief feature of the past week has been the unexpected result of the sales of the croplands at Port Curtis, the particulars of which have been already published in our column. We may, however, in a few figures, recapitulate the results of the two days' sales. 96 allotments in the township of Gladstone, each ranging from 15 perches to one rood, and including in the whole about 21 acres, were bought for £10,880. The upset price was £20 per acre. The price obtained was about £518 per acre, including suburban lots in the county of Clinton, ranging from two to seven acres, and including

in the whole 215 acres were offered at prices ranging from £2 10s. to £4 an acre. The price realised was £175; at which rate the price demanded by the Government was £390. The price realised was £175; being at the rate of about £2 per acre.

Our banks, as well as those of Victoria, have altered the rates of exchange. They buy gold for par, and sell at 3 per cent. premium.

We have received the Melbourne gold circulars for the week ending the 4th instant, issued by Messrs. Wood, Thomson, and Co., and Edward Khull. Both circulars state that the demand for gold was exceeding the supply. The price had advanced during the week from £3 9d. to £3 17s. per ounce. The escorts brought into Melbourne and Geelong during the week 32,902 ounces. The export of gold for

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The flour market, Melbourne and Geelong quote fine at £32 to £34; Hobart ton at £36 per ton. In the three markets wheat ranged from 13s to 14s. 6d. per bushel.

A project had been set on foot to establish a paper manufactory at Melbourne, and so initiatory steps had been taken to form a "Victoria Paper Company." A sub-committee had been appointed to take the opinions of persons who professed to be acquainted with the manufacturing of paper; but, after a long inquiry, conflicting nature of the evidence induced the committee to recommend the suspension of operations for the present.

a specimen of the difference in estimates of the parties who gave evidence before the committee, we may mention that witness stated that 87 men and boys, machinery the cost of which would not exceed £8000, would be sufficient for the manufacture of 1200 tons of paper annually. Another estimate required the number of hands at 150, the cost of the machinery at £20,000; and amount of paper to be manufactured at 1000 tons.

Our advices from South Australia are to date 1st instant. The official returns of the export of the staple produce of the colony for the quarter ending the 25th of December last, show the following results:—

Abstract Returns of Imports and Exports, exclusive of Bulk Goods, for the Quarter ending 25th Dec. 1861.

| Exports. | | £ |
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| Total Imports | | 151,071 |
| Imports re-exported | | 64,751 |
| Imports consumed and remaining in the colony | | 609,349 |
| Exports. | | £ |
| Total Exports | | 210,846 |
| Imports re-exported | | 64,751 |
| Exports, the produce of the colony | | 251,936 |

The *Adelaide Times* observes that this report shows an export of the produce of annual value of about one million sterling which amount, short-handed as is the colony, was steadily increasing; and that the abundance of the harvest now near

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